Chari Committee on Mining in Kolar Gold Field

4050. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chari Committee appointed to explore the feasibility of sustaining the mines at Kolar Gold fields has given its report;

(b) if so the main recommendation of the committee;

(c) if so, the number of persons likely to become unemployed; and

(d) whether it is proposed to start an industry to rehabilitate the persons losing jobs due to the proposed closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations of Chari Committee on Bharat Gold Mines Limited are given in the Statement attached.

(c) It is anticipated that as a sequel to phasing out of old mines at Kolar Gold Fields about 1800 persons may be rendered surplus.

(d) No, Sir.

STATEMENT

Main recommendations of the Chari Committee on BGML

1. As the working of the mines in Kolar Gold Fields are on their last legs their closure one after the other is only a matter of time. The gap between cost and price are steadily widening. The future will worsen if the present trends are allowed to continue.

2. The Government to compensate for the gold produced by the Company based on the market price to enable it to function as a commercial venture.

3. Exercising strict control over recruitment of manpower. Fresh recruitment of manpower to be banned.

4. Scheme of Voluntary Retirement may have to be drawn up and efforts made to reduce the manpower by 1000.

5. Continuous need to have its organisational structure to be reoriented towards the twin needs of time bound reduction of gold mining work at KGF and large expansion of diversification and bringing up new mines.

6. To implement the scheme of mechanisation at Nundydroog mine for increasing production/productivity.

7. Bringing up Chigargunta mine to production as early as possible.

8. BGML should be treated as a canalising agency for import of gold for sale in the open market.

9. To bring together all gold mining operations in three Southern States.

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4051. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of telephone ex-